

**REMARKS**

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of objected to dependent claim 12 (now canceled). Claim 1 has also been amended back into its form as originally filed. Claim 1 is accordingly in condition for favorable action and allowance.

Claim 2 has been amended to include the limitations of original base claim 1. Claims 2-11 are accordingly in condition for favorable action and allowance.

Claim 13 has been amended to include the limitations of original base claim 1. Claims 13-14 are accordingly in condition for favorable action and allowance.

Claim 15 has been amended to include the limitations of objected to dependent claim 26 (now canceled). Claim 15 has also been amended back into its form as originally filed. Claim 15 is accordingly in condition for favorable action and allowance.

Claim 16 has been amended to include the limitations of original base claim 15. Claims 16-25 are accordingly in condition for favorable action and allowance.

Claim 27 has been amended to include the limitations of original base claim 15. Claims 27-29 are accordingly in condition for favorable action and allowance.

CUSTOMER NO. 23932

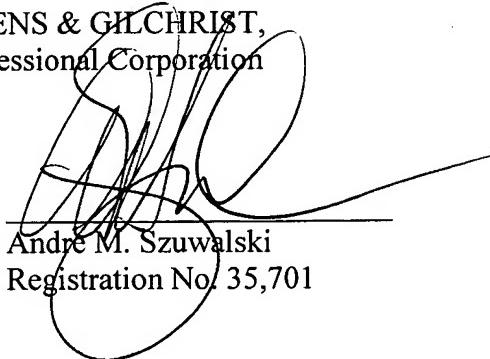
PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No. 61170-27USPX

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for favorable action and allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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